

HOUSE BILL 1788
By Hensley

AN ACT to name the U.S. Highway 43 bridge at Dry Weakley Road in Lawrence County in memory of Jason Jackson.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges in honor of those young Tennesseans who departed this life at far too early an age; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Jason Jackson of Lawrence County; and

WHEREAS, a young person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, Mr. Jackson was twenty-four years old when his life was taken prematurely in an automobile accident on a bridge, (Bridge # 50-6-26.37), on U.S. Highway 43 in Ethridge, at such route's intersection with Dry Weakley Road; and

WHEREAS, as a permanent memorial to the life of purpose and commitment that Jason Jackson led, this General Assembly most heartily agrees to name and designate Bridge # 50-6-26.37 in Ethridge in memoriam of Mr. Jackson; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the U.S. Highway 43 bridge (Bridge # 50-6-26.37) at the intersection of U.S. Highway 43 and Dry Weakley Road in Ethridge in Lawrence County is hereby designated as the "Jason Jackson Memorial Bridge" in recognition of an outstanding young man who exemplified the true spirit of the Volunteer State.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating Bridge # 50-6-26.37 on U.S. Highway 43 at Dry Weakley Road in Ethridge in Lawrence County as the "Jason Jackson Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the erection of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such sign within thirty (30) days of the erection of such sign. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.